

## Students gear up for Regents hearing Friday

By KEVIN COLE

Several groups and individuals will converge on Friday's informal Board of Regents hearing in an effort to prevent the elimination of 19.25 faculty positions at UNO. The hearing, to be held on the third floor of the Milo Bail Student Center at 1:30 p.m., will give the students and faculty a chance to voice their views on the cuts.

Judy Stribley, a member of the Students for Quality Education, said her group will begin to coordinate its efforts with the faculty's Save the UNO 21 committee in order to prevent the cuts. By doing so, she said, the two campaigns will become more visible and encourage attendance at the hearing.

"Before we made sure our campaign was separate from the faculty's because we didn't want it to appear we were manipulated by them," she said. "I think that is obvious now and we can work together."

The Students for Quality Education, which has organized a petition drive, protest walks and letters to the Legislature, is now requesting that students make signs with "21" on them

to symbolize their support of the faculty. Although the number of positions to be eliminated has dropped to 19.25, the 21 figure will be retained to avoid confusion, Stribley said.

At the hearing, members of the programs and departments scheduled for elimination or cutbacks will have a chance to speak. Stribley will also invite Omaha politicians to the hearing. "What needs to be done is Mayor Boyle and the city council members need to come forward and make a statement on their positions," Stribley said.

Student Government is also urging students to attend the hearing. Student President Regent Guy Mockelman said he will attend, but added he will probably save his remarks for the Regents' dinner that night. Mockelman said the budget problem must be resolved. "The University can't withstand 19 faculty eliminations," he said.

Bernhard Kolasa, associate professor of political science and head of the Save the UNO 21 committee, said his group is contacting faculty members and requesting their support at

the hearing. "We intend to get as many people out as possible," he said.

At the hearing, the Regents will be presented a petition on behalf of the faculty by the Students for Quality Education. Stribley said the week-old petition has been the most successful means of involving students at UNO. "People have come up and asked for petitions to pass around," she said. "In one two-hour period, we collected over 200 signatures," she said.

Stribley said the petitions should be returned today. Petitions will still be available to sign tomorrow at tables in the Milo Bail Student Center. As of Saturday, Stribley estimated 1,300 students had endorsed the petition.

Saturday, the student walks in front of the Eppley administration building continued. The turnout was limited to about 10-12 students. That was down from the 45-50 who attended the walk on Wednesday. Stribley attributed the weak showing Saturday to bad weather. "A lot of people who said they'd be out today have come by in their cars but the cold and wet is keeping them in the cars," she said.

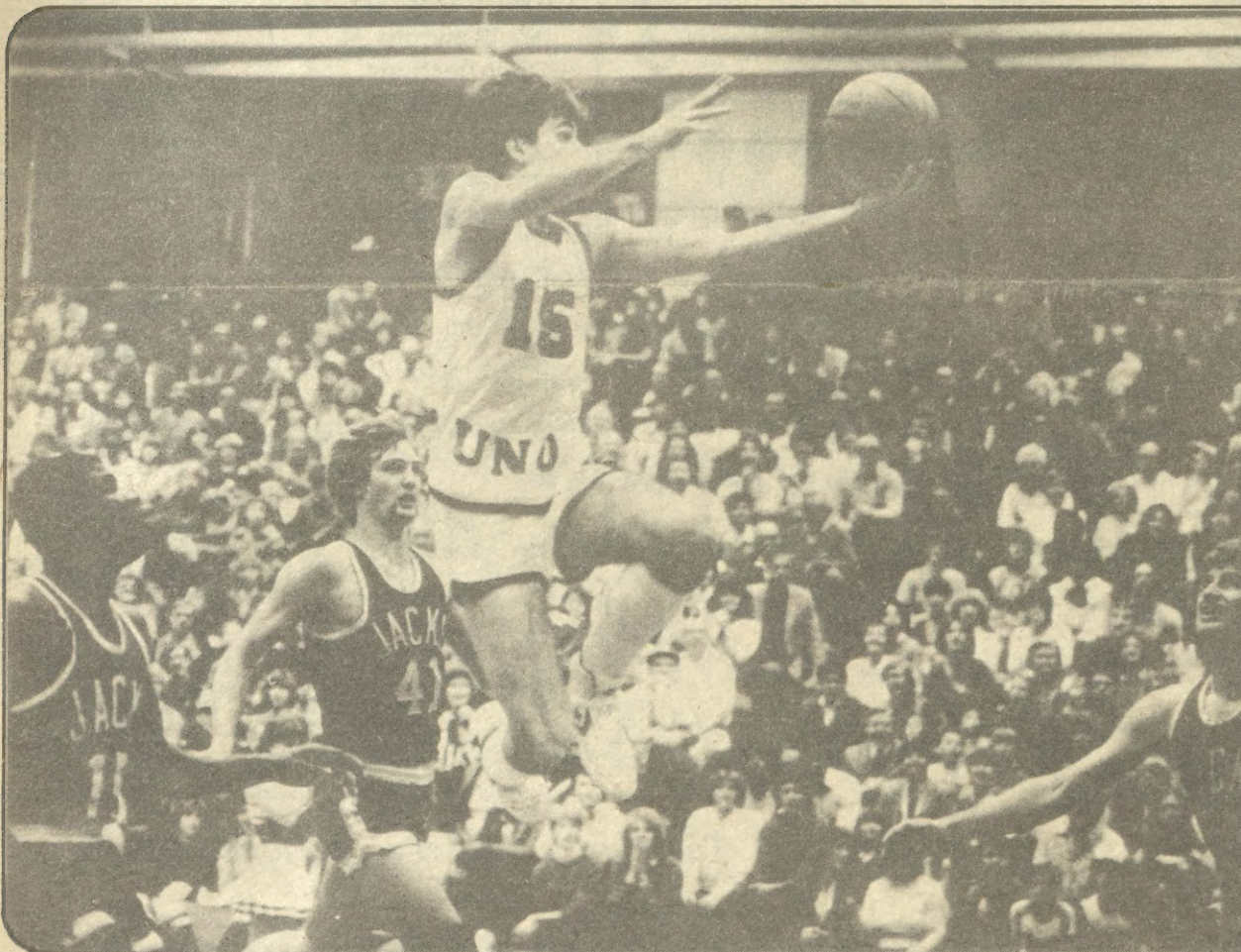
Lisa Alam, a junior geology major, was one of those who attended Saturday's walk. Although none of the faculty in her department are scheduled to lose their jobs, she is concerned about possible future cuts. Three of her instructors are non-tenured faculty and the elimination of any one of them would mean the end of geology as a department at UNO.

"What scares me about these cuts is that if we lost our department, I'd lose my major," Alam said. "I would hate to get up to the wire and have them pull the rug out from under my feet."

Another student at the Saturday's walk, John Klaric, said he is worried that the budget cuts are driving away UNO faculty in addition to those targeted for elimination.

"I've been watching a lot of faculty fill out job application forms," Klaric said.

A Ph.D. candidate in bio-psychology, Klaric has also been soliciting names for the petition. Most students have been eager to sign the petition Klaric said. "They sign, then they ask me if I'm a radical. But I'm not. I just believe in quality education."



Lynn Sanchez

### A dreamy shot

Dean Thompson (left) drives towards the bucket for his record-breaking shot Friday. After the shot, which broke Dennis Forrest's all-time scoring record of 1,660 points, Dean hugged his brother Tom, a redshirt freshman for UNO.

## Program cuts will affect 'all Nebraska senior citizens'

By CINDY GONZALEZ

If the proposed 20 percent cut in the UNO Gerontology Program becomes a reality, every senior citizen will suffer, according to James Thorson.

The director of the UNO Gerontology Program, Thorson said the cut would mean the elimination of one gerontology staff member and would have a detrimental effect on numerous senior citizen programs in Nebraska.

Thorson said Chuck Powell, senior research associate, will lose his position as a result of the 19.25 UNO faculty positions ordered cut by the NU Board of Regents.

The position is one of seven faculty positions which have been recommended for elimination by the Regents to pay for raises ordered by the Commission of Industrial Relations. Currently, the remaining 12.25 positions are vacant or will become vacant through a attrition, retirement or other reasons.

"It is inevitable that the overall program will decline," Thorson said, if the Gerontology cuts go through. "There is no way we can replace a man of his (Powell's) caliber."

Powell, an expert on research design, gained national acclaim for the department because of his knowledge of public policy, Thorson said. "Many students are attracted to the University's program to study public policy under him," he added.

"In terms of economics," Thorson said, "we will be forced to hire part-time teachers, which will hurt the student." Thorson said the program presently has 5.9 full-time faculty members.

He added the program currently has 172 students and has

shown at least a 2 percent enrollment increase each year during the last 10 years.

More than half of the Gerontology students are on graduate, faculty and post-doctorate levels. Many are nurses who are returning to school to study Gerontology, Thorson said.

Despite the fact that UNO's enrollment continues to increase while enrollment at UNL is shrinking, Thorson said the allocation of state funds has not changed accordingly.

The cost to taxpayers to keep a full-time student at UNO for one year is \$1,603 less than UNL and \$125 less than Metro Tech Community College, according to 1981-82 data from the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education.

Although the data is two years old, Thorson said the proportions have remained the same.

Thorson said it is ironic that the gerontology program is facing cutbacks. He said it is one of four programs originally mandated at UNO by the Regents. Designed by the Regents to "support a statewide mission," Thorson said the program currently serves UNO, UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The Nebraska General Assembly first appropriated funds to support gerontology in 1974. The following year, the Regents designated the program an "Area of Excellence."

This year, Thorson said, gerontology ended up on the hit list of programs targeted for cutbacks or elimination in June.

"It is the vindictive attitude of the Regents to get back at UNO," Thorson said. "The Regents' decision to cut \$554,000 from UNO's 1984-85 budget is a direct retaliation against the salary increase awarded to the UNO faculty in 1983, he said.

According to Thorson, the gerontology program was originally in danger of total elimination, but a massive public appeal to the UNO administration saved the program.

"One wonders if a way could have been found to do more damage, ultimately, to the most vulnerable constituency groups like the aged and the disabled," Thorson said.

Because of the Regents, Thorson said, the University is forced to cut nontenured faculty and newer programs. Unfortunately for the community and students, he said, it is these programs that are in demand today.

The elderly represent the fastest-growing segment of the state's population and have increased by 12.6 percent in the last decade, according to data compiled by the program. Nebraska has the seventh-highest number of elderly citizens in the nation.

"What it all boils down to is institutionalized discrimination against the people of Omaha" Thorson said.

"Turning against old people in Nebraska is like turning against motherhood and apple pie," he added.

UNO students will have the chance to voice their concerns during a public hearing with members of the Board of Regents Friday, Feb. 17. The meeting will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center at 1:30 p.m.



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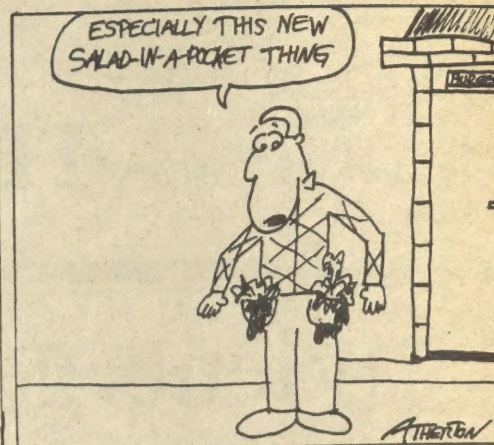
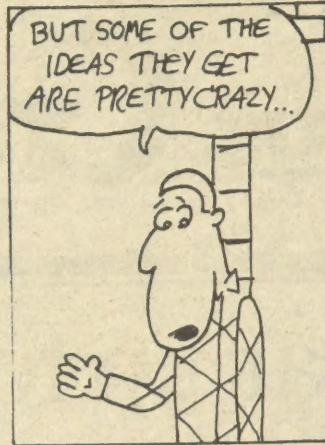
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**Feb. 16** — A black history video in room 129 of the student center, 10 a.m. to noon.

— A Black Leadership Conference in the student center with speakers and topics to be announced, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Feb. 20** — A BLAC lectureship series in the student center with student leaders and graduates among the speakers, times

to be announced.

**Feb. 22** — A seminar on "Male/Female Relationships," student center, 1 p.m.

— The film "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" in the student center Omaha Room at 2 and 7 p.m.

**Feb. 27** — NAACP Black History T-Shirt Day on the northeast side of the student center's lower level, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. T-shirts will be available for sale.

**March 1** — A black history video in room 129 of the student center from noon to 2 p.m.

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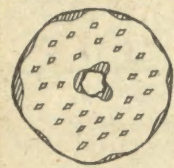
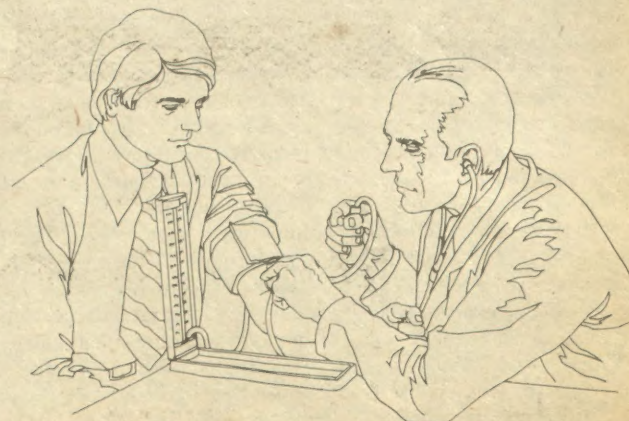
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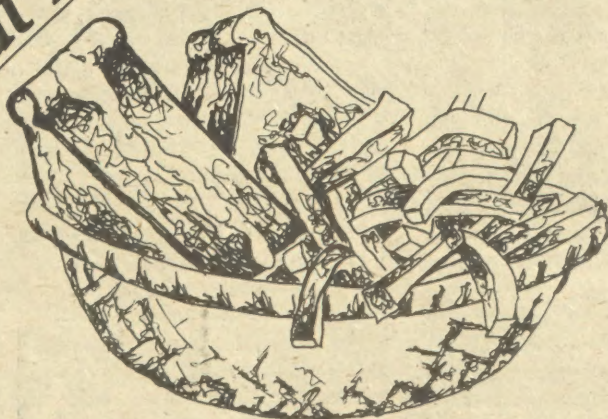
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# Fans lick up the hype and 'kiss' their money goodbye

By KENNY WILLIAMS

"We want Kiss! We want Kiss!" was the chant going up last Thursday night at the Civic Auditorium. I suppose some of the 5,000 or so who showed up really wanted Kiss badly enough to shout it out loud, but I can't imagine why.

Kiss, the glittery heavy metal rockers of the 70's who used to wear more makeup than Boy George and employ more lights and fog than Chicago's O'Hare airport, are no more.

The Kiss of today, minus two of its original members and sans makeup, are a burnt-out shell of a once-plausible, if not exactly great-sounding rock band.

## Review

Now they are just loud, like any of the other metal acts that have been through town lately. They can scream some lyrics, play guitar chords at multi-decibel levels, dress in a variation of skin and leather and look sort of sinister to try and pass themselves off as rock 'n' rollers. Anybody could do that, probably better, as was proved by the two bands who opened the show.

Kiss, on the other hand, did pretty much what they have always done. They played loud. They screamed into the microphones. Gene Simmons, owner of the longest, fastest tongue this side of the Pecos, displayed the appendage numerous times to screams of delight (or fear) from the crowd.

The only thing really different about Kiss was their lack of makeup. It probably would be to their advantage to keep it on. If I played that lousy, I wouldn't want anyone to know who I was either.

Kiss has toned down their stage show considerably since their heyday during the '70s. They still use the giant Kiss logo, which flashes behind the stage, but are without the numerous lights and elaborate stage designs. Their cur-

rent set looked somewhat like the gun deck of the USS New Jersey, and featured a rotating tank-like turret with drummer Eric Carr positioned on top.

The show was a combination of old and new songs, such as "Firehouse" and "Love Gun," and new songs from their latest album titled "Lick It Up." The popular "Beth" was missing from Thursday night's show.

"Firehouse" featured Simmons blowing a column of fire from his mouth into the air. The show was interrupted on four occasions to allow each band member a solo. With the exception of Carr, the solos were rather long and cumbersome.

Paul Stanley, one of the original members of the group, played rhythm guitar and had one of the worst solos I have ever witnessed. More of a cheerleading session than a solo, Stanley spent most of his time telling the audience to yell. They did, of course.

This was followed by lead guitarist Vinnie Vincent's solo, which was better only because he actually played. But it really didn't show anything different from other guitarists who play this style.

Vincent's performance preceeded the solo by Gene Simmons, the other original member of the group. This is the worst solo I have ever witnessed. Simmons' solo consisted of short bursts of bass progressions followed by an arms-folded, head-cocked wait for applause from the crowd.

I would have been content not to applaud just to see what would happen. But the rest of the crowd, perhaps fearing a nasty tongue lashing, applauded anyway.

Carr's drum solo was followed by "I'm A Law Breakin' Man" from the new Kiss album. This ended the show, and the band returned for a two-song encore which featured "Lick It Up" and an oldie, "(I Wanna) Rock and Roll All Night."

The crowd, made up mostly of junior high



Kenneth Jarecke

Breathing fire . . . Gene Simmons of Kiss spits fire during their performance at the Civic Auditorium last Thursday night.

school kids, kept the stage littered with projectiles throughout the show. Bras and toilet paper proved to be the most popular form of launched paraphernalia.

The band, in turn, reciprocated by doling out such treasured Kiss artifacts as sweaty towels and hundreds of guitar picks.

Although missing most of the razzle-dazzle of old, the Kiss show was not without some excitement. Local police officers arrested four minors inside the auditorium for suspicion of possession of marijuana, while outside, several religious organizations passed out literature condemning Kiss' "bizarre and perverse ways."



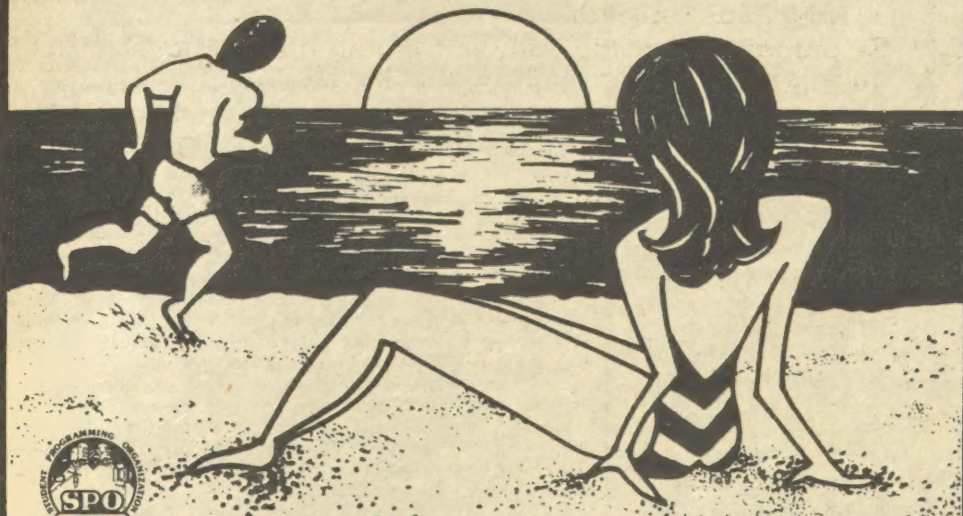
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# Comment Letters

Dear Editor:

The A.A.U.P and the NU Board of Regents have been struggling to resolve their differences pertaining to faculty salary increases for an extended amount of time. During this lengthy debate, much uncertainty has occurred concerning the fate of UNO faculty, departments, programs and thus the University as a whole. Furthermore, when the University is jeopardized, so is the future of Nebraska. With so much at stake, it is obvious that an agreement must be attained. Keep in mind that no fingers are being pointed at anyone. For in reality, everyone involved must share at least part of the blame for the situation that currently exists.

The AAUP and the Board of Regents *must* put their differences aside. For while there are differences between the two groups, the Union and the Board *must* realize that they both have a common and greater responsibility to keep the primary function of the University as their directive. This function is to provide the state of Nebraska with quality education and community service. The prime tool for achieving this function is instruction. This is really the heart of the issue. The question for everyone should be: How can the University and the State of Nebraska best be served? Neither rolling out the budget cutting axes nor making unrealistic demands will help anyone. On the contrary, this scenario is very detrimental.

The students and the people of this great state demand and deserve a much finer University than this current dilemma would create if it continues. Again the emphasis must be that the AAUP and the NU Board of Regents *must* work together to insure that instruction is maintained at the highest level possible so that the primary function of the University is preserved.

Sincerely,  
Guy Mockelman  
Student President/Regent



## Guest opinion

By RUSSELL G. RODGERS

The continuing controversy which surrounds the Faith Christian School has prompted comments such as "they are breaking the law" and "they want to promote anarchy." However, most people really do not know why Faith Christian supporters are resisting the law. To understand this issue, one must realize that the situation involves two views of education in conflict: the Christian view and the State view.

The purpose of education, according to the Christian view, is to train godly children to obey biblical law and thereby secure an indepth relationship with Jesus Christ.

This view dominated U.S education prior to the mid 1800s.

Schools were conducted by various Christian denominations and their regulation was the responsibility of the Students' parents. Children were taught to read so that they could study the Bible, as well as other works. They were taught to compute numbers so they could manage household finances and conduct commerce. Our founding fathers believed good government was the natural result of godly people.

The state view, dominant since the late 1800s, holds that the purpose of education is to perpetuate the existence of the State. Schools are conducted and/or controlled by the state through the institution of state and national educational organizations

such as the Department of Education. According to the state view, children are taught to read and write in order to fill a place in society.

It is believed that educated men and women will be able to eradicate the evils of our nation.

Thus, the State's concept of education is much like the Christian view, in that it is messianic. The state's savior is not the risen Christ, however. Rather it is State-controlled education. Because of this conflict, a number of Christian schools in Nebraska have resisted state laws. Yes, they are breaking the law. But a question now needs to be asked: Is the law "lawful?" If not, what makes the law "lawful?"

The Christian point of view maintains that laws are only lawful when they conform to the moral law written clearly in the Bible. This view of law formed the foundation of our nation and was the reason our forefathers fought against England.

If a law does not meet the high standard of biblical moral law, the law is to be disobeyed. Both the U.S. and Nebraska Constitutions were built upon this foundation.

While many today think the term "biblical moral law" is vague, its meaning was clear for George Washington, John and Samuel Adams and James Madison. The spirit of biblical law is embodied in the Ten Commandments.

The States' view of law is quite different, however. The State believes law is lawful merely because the State, in one way or another, says it is. Thus, the State determines what is right or wrong. This view is commonly referred to as legal positivism or sociological law.

In essence, the State has placed itself above God's law and has become our new god. This god, like any other god, demands absolute obedience to its authority. It cannot, or will not, allow any other gods to share its domain, let alone usurp it. In effect, the State has placed itself above God's law and has thus become a law unto itself.

To state that Faith Christian School supporters are preaching lawlessness is inaccurate. They are, in fact, basing their actions upon the precedents set forth in the Bible, as we "as the precedents of American history.

It is the State of Nebraska which is preaching lawlessness by trying to force Christian schools to violate God's precepts, which clearly place the education of children solely in the hands of their parents. To whom parents wish to delegate this responsibility is their choice, not the State's.

These ideas may sound far-fetched, but there are those within government circles who now are discussing these very things. Some may laugh and think that such control of the church would be a good thing. However, once the churches lose their freedoms, is it not conceivable that we will then lose our Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press or the right of the people to peaceably assemble?

## The Philosophicker

By Jeffrey  
Kallman

On Friday, the Board of Regents will convene public hearings on the fate of 19.25 faculty positions at UNO. This for the purpose of effecting the increase in salary for the remainder of the faculty, increases which were earned (as the editor has written with proper understatement) "fairly and squarely."

It should be pointed out that the various departments from which faculty might be extracted are, for the most part, relative to disciplines which are properly identified as intellectual (as opposed to the relative vocational disciplines). Why the administrators of UNO have accepted this alternative may not be entirely clear to many, myself included. Why the Regents would accept this alternative may be equally clouded.

Last September, I wrote in response to the possibility of extensive department fracturing. Adjusting to the question of individual faculty departures as well as one or two departmental compromises, I restate here what I wrote at that time:

"Fiscal restraint and improved faculty compensation can be achieved through means other than the extinction of vital educational conduits. Understanding that UNO is not administered and overseen by fools, we then understand that the administration and the Regents are capable of solving this dilemma."

Many of us, I am certain, continue to believe that the administration and the Regents have such capability. There is quite likely more room for arriving at terms than many on both sides comprehend. Among several sound reasons to pursue such terms are reports that several of our faculty — those unaffected directly by the proposed cuts — may be searching elsewhere for a position to practice their profession.

If the propositions were intended to yield this sort of fallout, it is not clear. But it becomes more important than we first believed to compose a viable solution. It is most important to the people without whom there would be no reason for this

institution to exist: the students of UNO.

I think it is fair to say we are a diverse, individualistic and obviously motivated body. I further believe we are aware we do not purchase the exclusive services of administration and business when we pay our tuition. We are paying predominantly to be taught, and for that we are not paying clerks or managers in the Epley Administration Building. They have a purpose here, and rightfully so. But a university without its fully effective faculty is similar to an airline without its fully effective pilots. The most talented management on the market cannot induce return if it does not provide that for which the customer decides to spend money. In this respect, what is true in the market of physical goods is true in the market of the mind.

Now, there are points of knowledge and information which the academic environment proper cannot provide, try as it may. Indeed, there is a significant implication between the student and the professor that this is understood, and that neither one can disturb that implication without disrupting the proper dialogue between the two. The professor earns his living by communicating those points of knowledge and information which can be communicated within the academic environment. The student, in effect, is paying the professor to do so. The university cannot exist otherwise.

The argument might be offered that perhaps two of the designated programs might be integrated into a parent discipline without removing their individual significance. This can be done, if necessary, but without removing the conductors of the program: the faculty. It need not cease at this point. Other reasonable adjustments could be explored, and with the same considerations in mind... considerations which emphasize, above all, the need of the student and the vitality of the faculty, both of which must be primary staples for the survival of UNO.

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# UNO student Blake visits China as part of the Friendship Force

By MARLA GOLDBERG

Nothing deterred Christine Blake, UNO sophomore, from enjoying a 10-day trip to China. Not even her group's forced use of government-appointed tour guides.

The guides, who serve the Chinese Association for Friendship of Foreign Countries, must lead every group that visits China.

Blake, a pre-med student, joined the 86-person group on the first China trip of the Friendship Force, an international group whose members encourage friendship.

Nebraskans of all ages, who could afford the \$1,900 fee, constituted all but a few members of the group. Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Bert Lance, his wife and Wayne Smith, president of the Atlanta-based Friendship Force, were among the other members.

Rosalie Saltzman, director of the UNO honors program, recommended Blake for the trip. John Kerrigan, dean of public affairs and com-

for gifted children and the Great Wall.

She was impressed, she said, by the Great Wall, and explained that it is actually about 150 separate walls that different Chinese emperors have connected. Blake said she visited the emperor's palace, which sits atop 72,000 acres. She said visitors waited to see the emperor in receiving rooms. Each guest would freshen up in one room, Blake said, meet a diplomatic official in another, and then work their way up to see the emperor.

Blake was most impressed by the number of people in China. Eleven million people live in Peking compared to the one million who live in Nebraska, she said.

"You have to see it to believe it," Blake said. "I've been in Los Angeles, but this is nothing like it — especially the bicycles in the streets."

Chinese food bewildered Blake. She said her group ate Peking duck at the oldest restaurant in the city which was more than 200 years old.

"I didn't eat the feet or the beak because they are supposed to be bitter," Blake said. "The only thing I had trouble with was when they serve anything, they serve it with the head on the plate," she said.

Asked how she got along with the restaurant waiters, Blake said, "you learn to communicate with body language very well. They'd hold up a napkin and you'd nod your head."

Blake said in Shanghai she volunteered to be the subject in a magic show. By shaking a rice-filled basket, she created some edible popcorn-like puffs.

She said she awoke at 5 a.m. one morning to watch the Chinese perform tai chi, a graceful martial art, in the streets.

"It's really no different than American joggers," she said. "It's just a little unusual to us."

In a children's cultural palace, Blake said the group viewed a play about a goat. She said that through the use of an English translator, she understood the moral to be "everyone should cooperate with each other and no one is more important than the group."

Riding a boat down the Yangtze River, the group was forbidden to photograph military ships and their crews.

"If they saw you pointing your lens at something military," she said, "they'd come along and point it in another direction."

Blake said one of the trip's highlights was a visit with five university students. She said they took her and her roommate to a Buddhist Temple and expressed an intensive curiosity about the United States.

Blake said she was also impressed by the country's lack of sexism, but said a magazine article on infanticide, the killing of infants, upset her. According to Chinese guidelines, married couples can raise only one child, in order to curb the population problem. Infanticide often involves the murder of baby girls because they are unable to carry on the family name.

Blake said she enjoyed the trip, but was happy to return home.



Christine Blake

munity service at UNO, selected her to receive the scholarship which enabled her to go.

Blake, 20, said she visited China after she tired of her limited travels in the United States.

Blake, who shared a room with a Hastings woman on the trip, toured Hong Kong, Canton, Peking, Shanghai and Hang Zhou.

Upon their arrival in Canton, each group member had to declare to customs all gold jewelry, watches, calculators and cameras. Blake said this government check monitored tourists' spending and prevented expensive gift-giving. When departing, tourists who spend more than \$400 on gifts are subject to a customs tax, she explained.

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# Sports

## Mavs derailed by Augustana, still lead NCC

By CLARK TONER and ERIC OLSON

Thirteen was an unlucky number for the UNO Mavericks. That was where their winning streak ended after Augustana defeated them 61-57 last Saturday night.

Head Coach Bob Hanson blamed poor shooting for the loss. UNO hit only 40.6 percent of its shots from the field. But the Maverick defense was as good as ever, preventing the Vikings from making the game a blow-out.

"The defense played well, but had very little to do with Rickey Suggs going 1 for 10," Hanson said.

Suggs had company, though. Forward Rick Keys made only three of nine shots and Jeff Fichtel hit only three of 12.

Hanson said the shooting performance could be attributed to a mental letdown. "Any time you win that many in a row you can have a letdown. Hopefully we learned something from it," he said. "It was just our offensive inadequacies that hurt us."

Despite the loss, UNO retained its hold on first place in the North Central Conference. The Mavs are now 12-1 and 19-4 overall.

The Vikings moved into third place behind Morningside. They are 8-4 in the league and 15-7 overall.

Augustana used a variety of defenses to break up any rhythm UNO could establish. Senior Dean Thompson was the only Mav that seemed to break the defenses, scoring 21 points.

"We had the shots," Hanson said. "Their defenses might have broken our rhythm, but it still was a mental breakdown."

Even though UNO had trouble shooting, it led by as many as eight points twice in the first half. The Mavs led 34-28 at intermission.

A cold spell left UNO scoreless for a stretch of 6:40 in the second half. Augustana knotted the score at 46 during that time. They took their first lead of the night at 50-49 with 6:19 remaining.

With just over a minute left to play UNO was forced to foul as the Vikes led 57-55. Free throws down the stretch by Augustana sealed the win.

But Friday was a night of celebration for the entire athletic program. A capacity crowd of over 4,000 watched as UNO defeated South Dakota State 93-67, and Thompson shattered the school scoring record of 1,660 points set by Dennis Forrest in 1977.

Thompson, needing only six points to break the record going into the game, scored his third basket on a driving lay-up with 11:20 left in the first half, giving UNO an early 18-4 advantage.

The game wasn't officially stopped until 9:40. In the interim, Thompson had a nice lob for a Rickey Suggs alley-oop dunk. Suggs returned the favor with a lob to Thompson, resulting in an easy lay-up.

UNO then called a timeout, which was greeted with thunderous applause as Thompson made his way toward half court for the ceremony. Thompson's parents, his coach at Westside, Tom Hall, and his teammates congratulated him with hugs in a celebration that lasted nearly five minutes.

Thompson was presented with a plaque and the game ball. Although he said he thought about what the ceremony would mean to him before the game, Thompson was quick to admit its surprise impact.

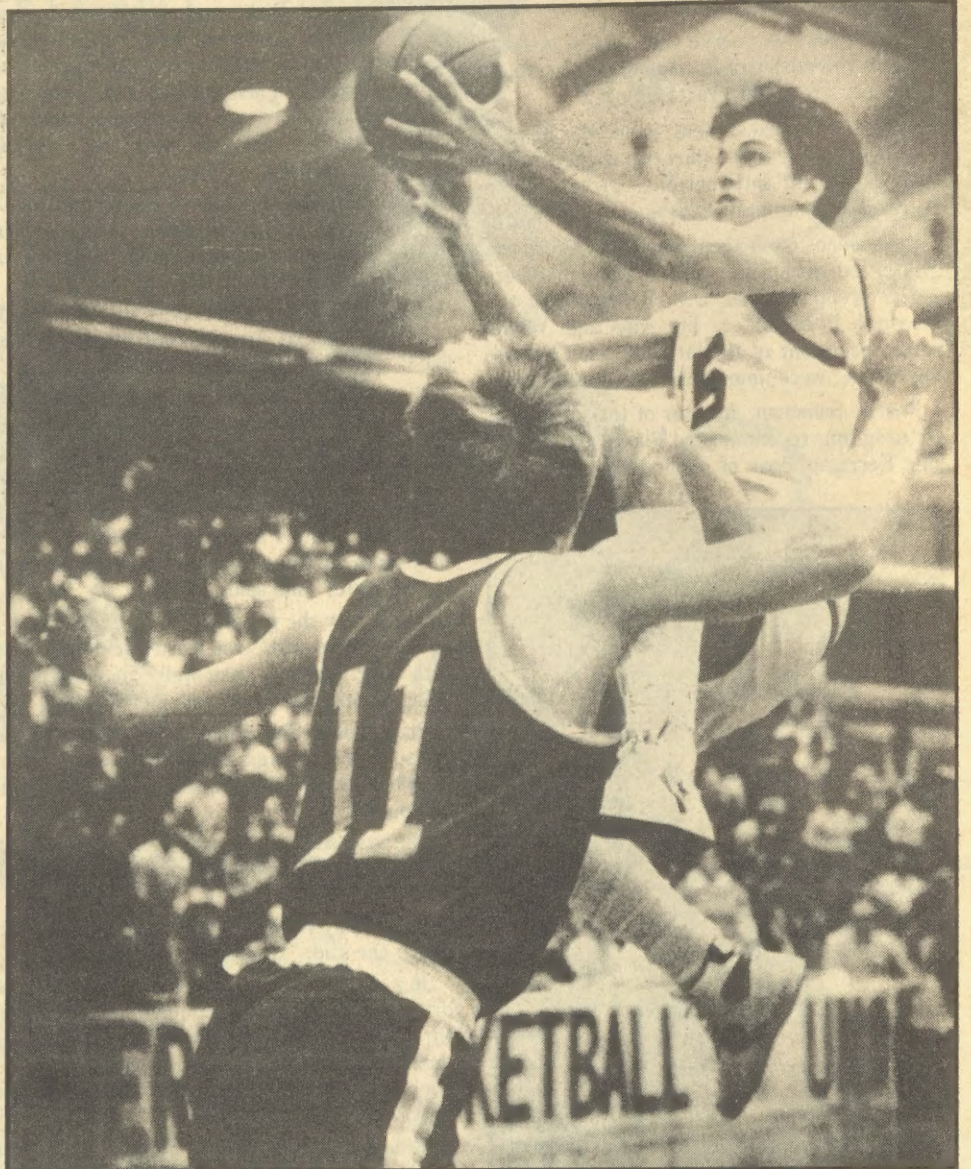
"It hit me hard, like a ton of bricks," he said. "I'm not real emotional, but it was something special that really choked me up. I'll treasure this for the rest of my life."

The Mavs continued the barrage of scoring before the half behind the shooting of Keys. He finished the night with 12 points.

The Jackrabbits pulled to within 13 points at 48-35 early in the second half behind the play of center Mark Tetzlaff.

UNO had a resurgence, though, led by junior Terry Sodawasser and Fichtel. Fichtel pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds to help give the Mavs a decisive 47-26 rebounding advantage.

Thompson connected with Suggs again with 9:40 to play for an alley-oop dunk and UNO never looked back. Thompson led UNO scorers with 25 points.



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Up for the record . . . UNO's Dean Thompson drives over SDSU's Todd Swanson for a lay-up to break the school scoring record.

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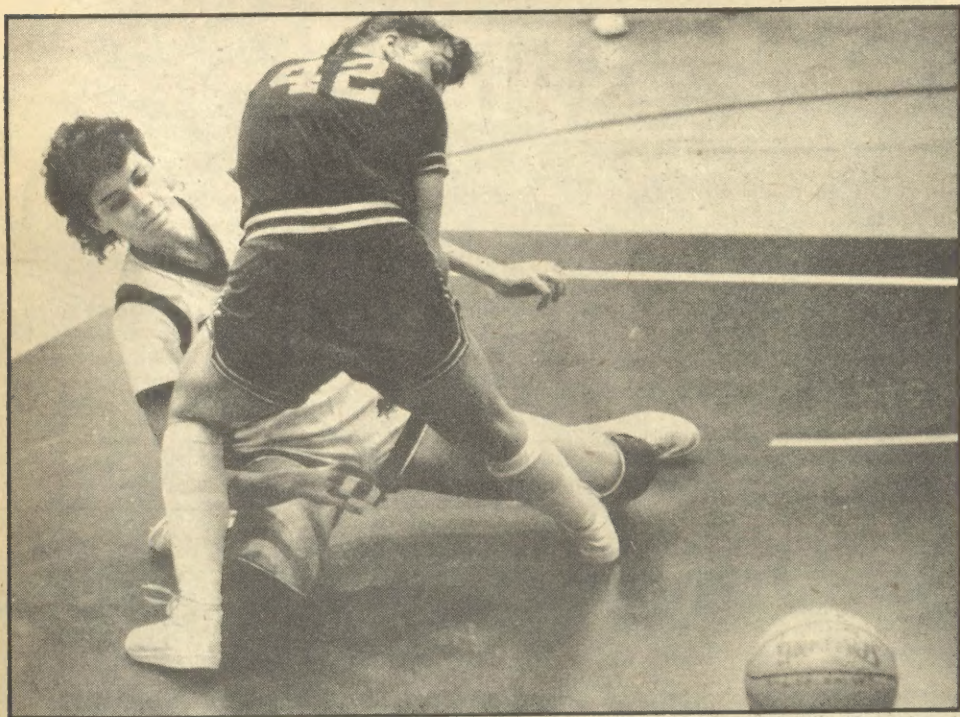
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# Women put record at 4-4, face league-leading Coyotes



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Going after it . . . SDSU's Karla Stevenson blocks UNO's Jackie Scholten from getting the ball. UNO won the game 76-68 in overtime.

The women's basketball team cannot afford to lose one more game this season if they want their dreams of a conference championship to continue, according to Head Coach Cherri Mankenber.

"We're taking them one at a time, but every game is a must," she said.

UNO is 4-4 in the North Central Conference and 6-15 overall. Pending the outcome of last night's game at Augustana, this Saturday's match-up with South Dakota may be the most important game of the season for UNO.

"Our kids know they are beatable. They have all but one starter back from last year's team, and they have some tremendous outside shooters," Mankenber said.

The Coyotes are 8-0 in the NCC and 14-4 overall. They have won 11 games in a row. As a team, South Dakota is shooting a league-leading 47 percent from the field, paced by Karrie Wallen, the NCC's second leading scorer with an 18 point per game average. Last week the Lady Mavs played the Coyotes the closest any conference team has so far this season on their home court. With UNO down by one point and nine seconds to play, South Dakota sank two free throws to win the game 66-63.

Over the weekend the Lady Mavs won a pair of games against conference foes. Saturday they beat Augustana 84-73, and Friday they

defeated South Dakota State 76-68 in overtime.

Mankenber said the team's improved outside shooting played a key role against the Vikings. UNO shot 53 percent from the field after shooting a miserable 35 percent the night before.

UNO led by as many as 22 points in the second half, but Augustana closed to within eight. Mankenber blamed the officials for rattling UNO during that stretch. "We just didn't adjust to the officials not making calls that they would have made in the first half," she said.

Freshman Jackie Scholten scored 23 points and had nine rebounds to lead UNO. Ronda Motykowski had 14 points, while Tammy Castle and Julie Hengemuehler had 11 and 10 points respectively.

Against SDSU Mankenber blamed inconsistency and poor shot selection for forcing the game into overtime. "We couldn't hit the broad side of a barn Friday," she said. "We didn't have the patience and we forced some shots."

Scholten hit 15 of her game-high 21 points in the second half to pace a UNO comeback. She also grabbed 14 rebounds in the game.

Fran Martin scored with 31 seconds in regulation to send the game into overtime. Scholten hit six points in the extra period to seal the UNO win.

## Mavs face competitive field in wrestling tourney today

By DON KOHLER

The UNO Maverick wrestling team will need the intensity it had last week against Missouri when they compete in the North Central Conference Tournament today at the Fieldhouse.

The Mavs dropped a hard-fought 26-8 decision to the 17th-ranked Tigers last Friday. Missouri recorded wins in seven of the 10 weight classes. Despite the loss, Head Coach Mike Denney was pleased with his team's showing against the Big Eight power.

"If we wrestle like we did against Missouri, we'll be in it for the NCC," said Denney. "We had several close matches against highly ranked wrestlers. I was very pleased with our intensity."

Denney said the Missouri match was what his team needed in its preparation for the tournament. "We needed a good hard match, and we got it," he said.

This year's tourney promises to be competitive. Six of the

eight NCC teams are ranked in the Division II top 20. Four are ranked in the top 10.

UNO, currently ranked fifth, has three defending champions returning. Mark Weston (118), Mark Manning (150), and Rick Heckendorn (177) will all battle to keep their titles.

In the match with Missouri, the Tiger's Joe Spinazzola scored four points in the final seconds to defeat Weston. Spinazzola had a 12-7 lead going into the final period, but Weston did not let up. After an escape, Weston recorded a takedown and near fall to tie the match. But with 10 seconds remaining, Spinazzola scored a reversal and near fall to give Weston his fifth loss of the season.

UNO's Mark Manning gave the Mavs their first win of the day with a 5-4 decision over John Sonderegger. Manning took control early in the match after Sonderegger, who is fifth-ranked in Division I, gave up three penalty points. Manning held off a

late rally to boost his record to 31-9.

Missouri Head Coach Bob Kopinsky was upset with the officiating in the Manning match. "Sonderegger worked his tail off and they took it away. That was ridiculous," he said.

The Mavs' Doug Hassel probably drew the toughest match of the day against highly-ranked Shepard Pittman. He had 40 victories going into the match, and needed one more to set the school record for most wins in a season.

Pittman took early control, but Hassel scored a takedown in the second period to close the gap 4-2.

Pittman went on to win the match, raising his record to 41 3-2. Hassel dropped to 22-7-1.

Another UNO win came in the 190-pound weight class as senior Mike Braun raised his record to 30-7 with a 12-6 win over Craig Martin. Braun scored five points in the third period to run away from Martin.

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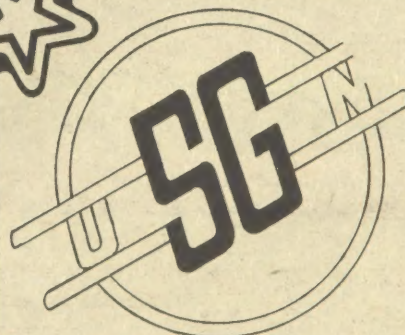
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